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PRESS RELEASE

Date/Time of Release: **April 28, 2006 / 3:30 PM**
Date/Time of Occurrence: **April 27, 2006 / 2 PM**
Nature of Call: **Arrest of Out of Compliance Sexual Offender**
Location of Call: **Auburn**
Case Number: **SO-06-5744**
Released by: **George Malim, Lieutenant 530-889-7862**

SHERIFF EDWARD N. BONNER RELEASES THE FOLLOWING:

A sexual offender who was out of compliance with the state's registration requirements under Megan's Law was arrested yesterday.

Placer County Sheriff's Detective Mike Bennett and Placer County Probation Officer Donavon Hazen arrested Richard Copeland, 41, when he showed up for a meeting with Hazen.



Richard Copeland

After attempting to contact Copeland at his address of record in Colfax, Bennett and Hazen discovered that Copeland had been evicted on April 17. Copeland failed to register with a new address within five days, which is a violation of the legal requirements under Megan's Law. When Copeland showed up at his appointment with Hazen, he was arrested and booked at the Placer County Jail. He was charged with a violation of probation and failing to notify law enforcement of his new address. He also had three outstanding warrants. He is being held on a total of \$75,000 bail.

Bennett and Hazen work together to keep track of the registered sex offenders in Placer County. Sheriff Bonner stated, "This is an example of how fruitful law enforcement partnerships can be. This joint effort has proven to be very successful in keeping tabs on the registered sex offenders in Placer County and in keeping our county a safe place to live, work and visit."